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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: BRIDGE TO LANTAO ISLAND

REF: A.) HONG KONG 950 B.) HONG KONG 678 C.) HONG KONG

--- 13894, 12/27/74 D.) STATE 231382, 10/21/74

--- E.) HONG KONG 9302, 8/20/74

1. AS INDICATED REF D, ORIGINAL HRG REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (REF E) INTERESTED IN BRIDGE ENGINEERING-CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS. ONLY J.E. GREINER CO., BALTIMORE DESIGNERS CHESAPEAKE BAY BRIDGES, NOTIFIED MEPD OF THEIR INTEREST. UNDOUBTEDLY OTHERS APPROACHED H.S. GREWAL IN COLONIAL SECRETARIAT DIRECTLY.

2. REF C FIRST INDICATION WILBUR SMITH'S INVOLVEMENT AS CONSULTANT. AFTER RECEIPT, MEPD DISCUSSED LANTAO PROJECTS WITH WILBUR SMITH EXECUTIVE V-P HUBBARD. HUBBARD EXPLAINED HIS FIRM'S ROLE AS CONSULTANT NOT ONLY ON BRIDGE BUT-ON LAND ACCESS PORTION PARSONS-AIRPORT FEASIBILITY STUDY AND DISCOVERY BAY TOURISM AND RECREATION PLAN. HUBBARD SURPRISED THAT RICHARDS IN HONG KONG OFFICE WOULD VOLUNTEER

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TO BE CONTACT POINT FOR FIRMS SEEKING DETAILED INFO LANTAO

BRIDGE. HUBBARD THOUGHT HKG MIGHT BE SEEKING UNUSUAL
ARRANGEMENT FINANCE BRIDGE, SUCH AS SWAPPING LAND ON LANTAO
TO FIRM WILLING CONSTRUCT BRIDGE. ACCORDING HUBBARD,
WILBUR SMITH NOW SEEKING CONTRACT WITH HKG AS GENERAL

CONSULTANT ON BRIDGE, I.E. REVIEW PROPOSALS, ETC., BUT
NOT INTERESTED DESIGN-CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT. REQUEST
CONGEN TREAT INFO THIS PARAGRAPH AS FYI ONLY.

3. WOULD BE HELPFUL TO KNOW WHICH U.S. FIRMS HAVE
APPROACHED COLONIAL SECRETARIAT TO PRESENT PRELIMINARY
PROPOSALS AND WHETHER NEW PROPOSALS WOULD STILL BE

CONSIDERED. IF RESPONSE NEGLIGIBLE, COULD CONTACT MAJOR
DESIGN CONSTRUCTORS ATTEMPT GENERATE MORE INTEREST.

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